

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew N. Parfomak on September 30, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Claims 1,2,11-24,26 and 27 are cancelled without prejudice to their further prosecution in a continuation application.
- b. In claim 25, line 4, after "carrier substance", add --, wherein the sublimable carrier substance has a sublimation temperature in the operating temperature range of the drier and comprises adamantane"
- c. In the specification, on page 1, before line 8, the following has been added:

--This application is a 371 of PCT/CH03/00670 filed October 14, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/420,159, filed October 22, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/420,758, filed October 23, 2002.--

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable over the closest prior art of record Kuwayama et al. (US 4,382,111) and Sato et al. (US 4,233,161), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest conditioning fabrics with adamantane in a heated drier.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMINA KHAN whose telephone number is (571)272-5573. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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